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**Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)  
Food and Drug Administration  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852**

**RE: Docket #98N-1038  
"Irradiation...Food"**

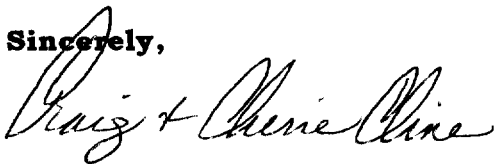
**Ladies and Gentlemen:**

**We hereby request that the FDA continue to require prominent labeling, the use of the terms "irradiation" or "irradiated," and the use of the radura symbol on all irradiated foods.**

**Such alternative terms as "cold pasteurization" and "electronic pasteurization" are misleading and should not be used. Furthermore, the absence of a statement would be misleading because irradiation destroys vitamins and causes changes in sensory and spoilage qualities that are not obvious to or expected by consumers.**

**Please place any comments the FDA receives on this issue on the Internet, so that the public can be as informed as possible on this very important subject.**

**Sincerely,**

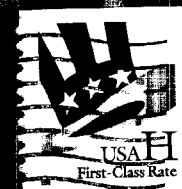


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